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MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING
of the
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
and the
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

September 23, 2002

1. Call to order.

The joint meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Conservancy Chair Michael Berger, at 7:41 p.m. on August 26, 2002 at the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens, 570 West Avenue Twenty Six, Los Angeles, California.

2. Roll Call of Conservancy.

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: Ed Begley, Jr., Elizabeth Cheadle, Woody Smeck, Russell Guiney, Steve Treanor, Jonathan Zasloff, Jerome C. Daniel, Vice Chair, and Michael Berger, Chair. The following members were absent: Hal Ross, David Allgood, and Steve Horn. Quorum present.

The following Legislative member was present: Jackie Goldberg.

The following Legislative member designees were present: Laura Plotkin, George Magallanes, and Scott Svonkin. The following Legislative member designees were absent: Susan McEntire, Henry Lo, and Mary Sue Maurer.

3. Roll Call of Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Charles Beatty, Colleen Briner-Schmidt, Caroline Brown, Michael Cacciotti, Ed Corridori, Terre Hirsch, Mark Johnson, Barry Read, Roseann Mikos, Richard Gould, Alan Kishbaugh, Thomas Seifert, Nancy Stephens, Marc Stirdivant, Kenneth Warner, Timothy Wendler, Don Robinson, Vice Chair, and George Lange, Chair. Quorum present. The following members were absent: Lesley Devine, Jeff Jennings, Linda Palmer, and Anthony Portantino.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, AICP, Executive Director; Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Director; Reva Concoff, Deputy Executive Officer; Laurie Collins, Chief Counsel; MRCA staff: Katherine Chew, Staff Counsel; Stephanie Landregan, Landscape Architect; Juliet Chung,

Associate Governmental Program Analyst; Tim Miller, Chief of Construction; Dan Tholund, Deputy Chief Ranger; Jan Wolterstorff, Public Outreach Coordinator and Project Analyst, and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

Representing the Office of the Attorney General was Nedra Austin, Deputy Attorney General.

4. Minutes.

The minutes of August 28, 2002 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of August 28, 2002 were approved as submitted.

5. Reports.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Mr. Edelman.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Mr. Miller.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Mr. Tholund.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Zasloff.

Comments were made by Mr. Tholund.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Lange.

Comments were made by Mr. Tholund.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Betsey Landis and Mr. Cacciotti.

Comments were made by Mr. Tholund and Ms. Skei.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from the Executive Director.

Comments were made by Mr. Svonkin and the Executive Director.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Ms. Concoff.

Comments were made by the Chair and the Executive Director.

6. Special recognition of Belinda Faustinos, former Chief Deputy Director.

This item was heard subsequent to item 7.

7. Special recognition of Clare Marter Kenyon and Bruce Saito, former Advisory Committee members.

Comments were made by the Executive Director, Ms. Kenyon, and Ms. Goldberg.

6. Special recognition of Belinda Faustinos, former Chief Deputy Director.

Comments were made by the Executive Director, Ms. Plotkin, Ms. Faustinos, and the Chair.

8. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

Comments were made by Mr. Zasloff.

9. Comments from members of the public on items not on the agenda and public testimony on all agenda items.

The following persons addressed the Conservancy:

Ms. Betsey Landis, member of the public, on item 17(h).

Mr. Don Mullally, representing the Santa Clarita Woodlands Park Consortium, on item 18.

Mr. Gordon Murley, representing Woodland Hills Homeowners Association, on item 15.

Mr. Gary Baker, representing Joseph W. Aidlin, on item 14.

10. Consent Calendar:

- (a) Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority accept an approximately 1-acre donation (APN 4472-008-036) in the Arroyo Sequit watershed, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority accept two open space lots and a conservation easement from Tract No. 43896, Pico Canyon, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority apply to California Department of Parks and Recreation those proceeds necessary to refund Proposition A funds advanced for the Canyon Oaks property from the sale of Avatar Phase II.**

- (d) **Consideration of resolution (a) adding Summit Valley-North Addition project to the Initial Workprogram for the Safe Neighborhood Parks Act of 1996 (Proposition A); (b) recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority enter into a Project Agreement for said project with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, unincorporated Topanga Canyon area, Los Angeles County, and (c) recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority authorize a grant to the City of Calabasas.**
- (e) **Consideration of resolution authorizing an amendment to Resolution No. 02-51, correcting amount stated in resolution for Tax Defaulted Parcels Grant (SMM-909).**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution Nos. 02-117, 02-118, 02-119, 02-120, and 02-121.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution Nos. 02-117, 02-118, 02-119, 02-120, and 02-121.

(The full text of these resolutions are attached.)

11. Review of budget priorities.

This item was heard subsequent to item 12.

12. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Los Angeles on the Draft Environmental Impact Report scoping for the Canyon Hills Project, Sunland-Tujunga portion of the Verdugo Mountains.

Comments were made by Mr. Edelman.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by Mr. Guiney.

On motion of Ms. Briner-Schmidt, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 02-122.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Begley, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 02-122.

11. Review of budget priorities.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Zasloff.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Corridori.

Comments were made by the Executive Director and Ms. Mikos.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Read.

Comments were made by the Executive Director and Messrs. Smeck and Magallanes.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Mikos.

Comments were made by the Executive Director and Ms. Concoff.

Comments were made by the Executive Director, Messrs. Zasloff and Hirsch, and the Chair.

- 13. Consideration of resolution (a) amending the Initial Workprogram for Safe Neighborhood Parks Act of 1996 (Proposition A) to include Ballona Creek Trail and Bikeway Improvement Projects; (b) recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority assign its rights to the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority (BHRCA) to apply for Proposition A excess funds, and (c) recommending that the BHRCA authorize application to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for Proposition A Excess Funds to implement the Ballona Creek Trail and Bikeway Improvement Project, Cities of Los Angeles and Culver City, County of Los Angeles.**

Comments were made by Mr. Edelman.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Read, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 02-123.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 02-111.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

- 14. Consideration of resolution authorizing withdrawal of appeal to the Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission for Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 52908 in Pico Canyon and recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority accept an open space dedication and easement from said project, unincorporated Santa Clarita area, Los Angeles County.**

Comments were made by Mr. Edelman.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Robinson, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 02-124.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Zasloff, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 02-124.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

- 15. Presentation of conceptual plan for 21000 Mulholland Drive and consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority approve the Mitigated Negative Declaration for Trailhead Improvements, Woodland Hills.**

Comments were made by the Executive Director and Ms. Landregan.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Cheadle.

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Comments were made by Mr. Guiney and the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Corridori.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Smeck.

Comments were made by Ms. Landregan.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Cheadle, and Messrs. Read and Smeck.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Corridori, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 02-125.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Guiney, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 02-125.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

- 16. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority exercise the first right of refusal to acquire certain property rights in and to Tract No. 10630, Malibu, commonly known as Lechuza Beach, pursuant to that certain Grant Deed of Real Property Interests and Right of First Refusal recorded May 7, 2002 as 02-1047551.**

Comments were made by the Executive Director and Ms. Collins.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Johnson, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 02-126.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 02-126.
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Comments were made by Ms. Plotkin.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

- 17. Consideration of resolution authorizing the following grants to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority necessary to implement the FY 02-03 budget: (a) Capital Outlay Augmentation FY 01-02; (b) Education and Interpretation; (c) Operation Grant Augmentation; (d) Minor Capital Outlay FY 02-03; (e) Project Planning and Design Grant FY 02-03; (f) Project Planning and Design Augmentation for FY 01-02; (g) Friends of the Conservancy Grant, and (h) Augmentation of Westridge-Canyon Back Wilderness Park.**

Item 17(g) was removed from the agenda.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Wendler, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution Nos. 02-127(a), 02-127(b), 02-127(c), 02-127(d), 02-127(e), 02-127(f), 02-127(h).

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 02-127(a).

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 02-127(b).

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 02-127(c).

On motion of Mr. Treanor, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 02-127(d).

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 02-127(e).

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 02-127(f).

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 02-127(h).

(The full text of these resolutions are attached.)

- 18. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority acquire approximately 1,732 acres (APNs 2821-001-017, 2821-002-017, 018, 019, 020, 021, 2821-003-006, 010, 2821-008-019, 2826-015-033, 034, 035,**

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037, 038, 2826-016-036, 037, 041, 042, 043, 047, 048, 051, 052, and 053) Joughin Ranch, Chatsworth area, unincorporated Los Angeles County and making the certifications set forth in section 3810-001-0140 (2)(a) of chapter 379 of the Budget Act. *(This item may be heard in closed session pursuant to Section 11126 Subdivision (c)(7)(A) of the Government Code.)*

This item was heard in closed session.

- 19. Closed Session: (The Conservancy may hold a closed session on the following items pursuant to Section 11126 Subdivision (c)(7)(A), Section 11126.3(a), and Section 11126 Subdivision (e) of the Government Code. Confidential memoranda related to the following items may be considered during such closed session discussions.) Discussion and possible action regarding pending and/or potential litigation: *City of Malibu v. California Coastal Commission, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al.; Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. California Coastal Commission, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al.; Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. Ram's Manufacturing, Inc.; Albert Allen, Marilyn Stefano, Gloria Tregurtha and BadTax, Inc. vs Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.***

The Chair called a closed session at 10:10 p.m. pursuant to Government Code Section 11126 Subdivision (a)(1) to discuss agenda item 18 and MRCA item XIII.

The Chair reconvened the open session at 10:24 p.m. and announced that the Conservancy received a report on agenda item 18 and MRCA item XIII.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Beatty, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 02-128.

Comments were made by the Chair.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Zasloff, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 02-128.

20. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on October 28, 2002.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, AICP
Executive Director

MICHAEL BERGER
Chair